

SENATE RESOLUTION 147
By Kurita

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Kristen Marie Hinson,
2002 Valedictorian of Clarksville Academy.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Kristen Marie Hinson is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2002 graduating class at Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Kristen has achieved outstanding academic success, attaining an exemplary 3.976 grade point average, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, Kristen Marie Hinson has earned numerous honors during her high school career; she was accepted in the Governor's School for the Humanities, Youth Leadership Clarksville, and Girls State, honored as Christian Athlete of the Week and Top 11th Grade Scholar, and has won awards for Physical Science, Poetry, Biology, Short Fiction, English, World Literature, World History, and Latin, including recognition as maxima cum laude in the National Latin Exam; and

WHEREAS, Kristen is an active member of her school and community, having participated in the National Honor Society, Interact and Key Clubs, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Junior Classical League, Water Quality Monitoring Program, Youth in Action, Math Team, Abstinence Team, and Mock Trial, Yearbook staff, and as a correspondent for the *Cougar Call*, a school newspaper, *White Columns*, the school literary magazine, and *Youthbeat*, the local newspaper; and

WHEREAS, a gifted athlete, she has lettered three times in soccer and four times in basketball; and

WHEREAS, a well-respected leader among her peers, she has served as Captain of the Basketball Team and Student Body President as well as several other important positions; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, she is an active member of her church youth group and has volunteered in the service of her Lord in numerous ways; she twice participated in mission trips to Brazil and also served as a church camp counselor;

WHEREAS, Kristen Marie Hinson's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Miss Hinson's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, her dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend and honor Kristen Marie Hinson, 2002 Valedictorian of Clarksville Academy, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for much happiness and every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

